

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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Thursday, March 26, 2009  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2009**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **1. CONSIDERATION OF NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER**

#### **Background:**

In order to generate greater student interest and participation in sister cities activities, the commission proposed the possibility of have a non-voting student member on the commission. This item is agendized for further discussion. MUSD Liaison Alisantoso will research and discuss with the school board as well.

**Recommendation:** Open for discussion – determine next steps.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

#### **Background:**

Lead Commissioner: Chair Grilli

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Continue discussions regarding a possible student exchange from Huizhou to Milpitas during Spring Break 2009.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Grilli.

### **3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:**

Lead Commissioner: Mateo

- Discuss possible plans for 2009 and receive update on communications with Dagupan.
- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Dagupan runs through June 2009.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Mateo.

### **4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:**

Lead Commissioners: Arbaugh & Tran.

- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Milpitas and Tsukuba has expired.
- Staff emailed a draft MOU to the Tsukuba representative for comments on March 2, 2009 as requested by the commission.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioners Arbaugh and Tran.

### **5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT**

**Background:**

Lead Commissioners: Arefi and Arbaugh.

- A staff report will be presented to the City Council on March 17, 2009 requesting approval to pursue a possible sister city relationship with Hochheim, Germany.
- Commissioners Arefi and Arbaugh are continuing research on the potential for other western European sister cities.

**Recommendation:** Receive update from Lead Commissioners Arefi and Arbaugh.

## **X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

## **XI. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT**

## **XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
  - i. Huizhou City, China
  - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines

- iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of agreement
- 2. Western European Sister City Research

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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